

Record of Daily Scale Tests

Vessel Name: _____ Date: _____

Time test started: _____

I. Weigh Fish on Observer Platform Scale

Basket #	Wt Fish + Basket (kg)	Basket #	Wt Fish + Basket (kg)	Basket #	Wt Fish + Basket (kg)	Basket #	Wt Fish + Basket (kg)
1		8		15		21	
2		9		16		22	
3		10		17		23	
4		11		18		24	
5		12		19		25	
6		13		20		26	
7		14		Total weight all fish+baskets			

II. Calculate Percent Error of Flow Scale

Scale Indicator: _____ Begin Test: kg

End Test: kg

Total weight fish and baskets (kg)	- Weight of Baskets	= Platform scale weight of fish	Weight of Fish on Flow Scale (kg)	Error (B) - (A)	% Error = (C)÷(A) x 100
		(A)	(B)	(C)	

III. Sea Conditions (Beaufort Scale) at Time of Scale Test (Circle One):

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Signature of vessel operator
I observed this test and to the best of my knowledge it was conducted in accordance with 50 CFR 679.28 (b)(3)
Signature of observer

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Collect approximately 400 kg of fish in baskets and weigh the baskets of fish on the platform scale. Record the weight of each basket of fish (basket plus fish) in Section I.
2. Record the total weight of all baskets plus fish in the first box in Section II.
3. Record the weight of the baskets in the second box. Subtract the weight of the baskets from the total weight of fish plus baskets to determine the weight of the fish only, record this weight in the third box in Section II. This is the platform scale weight of the fish (A).
4. Record the weight displayed on the flow scale before and after the test fish are weighed. .
5. Weigh the fish from the baskets on the flow scale. Record the weight in the fourth box of Section II (B).
6. Calculate error of flow scale by subtracting the platform scale weight (A) from the flow scale weight (B). Record the error (C) in the fifth box of Section II.
7. Calculate percent error by dividing the error (C) by the known weight of the fish (A) and multiplying by 100. Record this information in the last box of Section II. The scale is weighing within 3 percent error if the result is between -3.0% and +3.0%.
8. Record Beaufort Scale sea conditions at time of test.
9. Have form signed by vessel operator and observer..

Additional Information

- A daily scale test must be conducted once every 24 hours when the scale is being used to weigh catch at-sea.
- If the scale fails the daily test, it may be re-tested at any time. However, it may not be used to weigh fish until it passes the daily test.
- This form must be maintained on board the vessel until the end of the fishing year in which it was completed. It must be retained by the vessel owner for three years, and must be made available to NMFS personnel, observers or authorized officers when requested.
- Questions or comments concerning this form or the daily test can be directed to:
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